

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF IDAHO 607 North 8th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF RETIREMENT BOARD

The Board of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho met in-person at 8:30 a.m., May 16, 2023. The following Trustees were present:

Jeff Cilek Joy Fisher Darin DeAngeli Park Price Celia Gould

Executive Director Don Drum, Deputy Director Michael Hampton, Deputy Attorney General Cheryl George, Chief Investment Officer Richelle Sugiyama, and Management Assistant Eliza Storms were also in attendance.

In attendance in-person or via Zoom were:

Bruce Reeder MPIA Matt Lindstrom MPIA
Bill Palumbo MPIA Nathan Oakley MPIA
Chelsie Wasden MPIA

At 8:32 a.m., Chairman Cilek called the meeting to order.

<u>Approval of the Minutes</u> Trustee Fisher moved to approve the minutes of the April 24 & 25 meetings. Trustee Price seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PORTFOLIO

Callan Quarterly Report

Ann O'Bradovich with Callan presented the 1st Quarter 2023 Performance Evaluation. She provided a market overview and performance updates for the DB, DC, and Sick Leave Plans.

Monthly Portfolio Update

Chief Investment Officer, Richelle Sugiyama, provided a portfolio update and a review as of May 12, 2023.

Ms. Sugiyama provided a brief update on the Manager search and will keep the Board informed.

Investment Manager Market Overview

William (Bill) Palumbo with Mountain Pacific Investment Advisors (MPIA) and members of his team, Bruce Reeder, Matt Lindstrom, Nathan Oakley, provided their views on the markets and outlook going forward.

The Board thanked MPIA for their time.

Manager Update

Ms. Sugiyama explained the portfolio continues to be well positioned and is performing well through volatile market conditions. She reminded the Board of the concerns regarding Genesis and recommended termination of the Genesis EM account. Ms. Sugiyama discussed her intent to use this opportunity to rebalance the fund by withdrawing funds (\$95m) from Adelante (REITs) to meet current cash needs (\$65m), and to reinvest the remaining (\$30m), along with the proceeds from the Genesis account, into the EM ETF managed by SSgA, resulting in an extension of the 'free-fee' period through November.

She confirmed the PERSI fiscal department is aware of and prepared to move on the termination and transition.

Trustee Price moved to approve the termination of Genesis. Trustee Gould seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Drum provided a review of the heat map review and observations provided by Eide Bailly. He informed the Board that PERSI is ready to undertake an RFP for internal audit services. He reminded the Board of the need for a Board member to participate in the RFP process. The Board selected Trustee Fisher and Trustee Price to help assist on the RFP process.

Director Drum informed the Board that PERSI has employee stability at this time and provided an update on the positions currently filled.

Director Drum informed the Board of the turnover in the legislature. He discussed how in the next twelve to twenty-four months, PERSI will be working to educate new legislators to help them understand how PERSI works.

Chairman Cilek informed Director Drum of the Board's intention to move the October Board meeting to November 6th and 7th and asked how that would affect the DFM dates. Director Drum explained if there are plans to change rates, DFM typically wants to have that information by October. Director Drum will confirm with DFM their deadlines for the annual budget process.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Deputy Hampton explained Idaho Code 59-1361A - Public Safety Officers Death Benefits, legislative requirements, and Department of Justice process.

FISCAL

Chief Financial Officer, Alex Simpson provided fiscal reports, charts, and updates on quarterly financials. He informed the Board that PERSI staff will be meeting with DFM on May 17th to discuss encumbrance issues and informed the Board that PERSI has until June to complete.

BOARD

<u>July Agenda:</u> The Board reviewed the July agenda; the Board would like to have updates on Arrivos and Luma be added. Director Drum explained that will be part of Mr. Sweat's presentation in July.

<u>Executive Session</u>: At 10:50 a.m. Chairman Cilek stated the Board intended to move to executive session in accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) and (b).

Trustee Gould moved to enter executive session in accordance with Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent and Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Trustee DeAngeli seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote.

Upon conclusion of the executive session, Trustee Gould moved to return to regular session. Trustee Price seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regular Session: The Board returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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